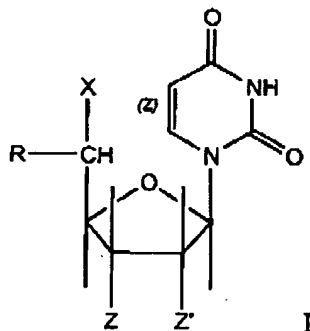


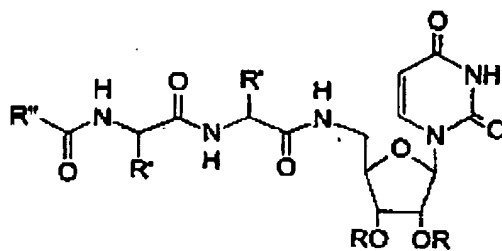
libraries can readily be searched with any particular core structure. Therefore, all of these asserted species can be readily searched and examined together as single group. Applicant respectfully requests search and examination of the combinatorial library.

Second, if the species election requirement remains in its present form, Applicant respectfully requests search and examination of the species of combinatorial libraries employing as core structure the compound of formula I, which is recited in claim 18:



Applicants submit that at least each of pending claims 1-6 and 18-22 reads on or can include core structures having the structure of formula I.

Third, in the alternative, if the species election requirement is deemed to require a more detailed structure of the core structure, Applicant respectfully requests search and examination of the species of core structure of formula A:



Formula A

Formula A corresponds to a compound of formula I in which Z and Z' are OR, X is H, R is NHCOR₁, and m is 2. In formula A, the nucleoside monomer is uridyl, the spacer monomer is NHC(O)CHR'¹NH-, and the cap monomer is R''. Applicants submit that at least each of pending claims 1-6 and 18-22 reads on or can include core structures having the structure of formula A. Claim 4 specifically recites uridyl as nucleoside monomer. Claim 6 specifically recites that the

core structure includes amide linked dipeptide, amide linked tripeptide, or mimetic thereof.

Formula A includes an amide linked dipeptide or a mimetic of an amide linked tripeptide.

Fourth, in the alternative, if the species election requirement is deemed to require a more detailed structure of the spacer monomer and the cap monomer, Applicant respectfully requests search and examination of the following species of these monomers.

As a species of cap monomer, Applicants respectfully elect 4-nitro-3-pyrazolecarboxylic acid. This species is disclosed in the present specification at least at page 8 line 10.

As a species of spacer monomer, $\text{NHC(O)CHR}'\text{NH-}$, Applicants respectfully select that the two spacer monomers be independently p-methoxy-benzyl-L-cysteine and/or O-benzyl-L-tyrosine. The species p-methoxy-benzyl-L-cysteine is disclosed in the present specification at least at page 6 line 39. The species O-benzyl-L-tyrosine is disclosed in the present specification at least at page 7 line 2.

The present Office Action asserts that claims 19-22 recite distinct species of X and R. Without acquiescing to this requirement, and solely to expedite prosecution, Applicants respectfully elect:

Claim	X	R
19	H	Claim 19, subparagraph (a)
20	COOH	$-\text{NHCOR}^1$, R^1 is $-\text{CHR}^3\text{R}^4$, R^3 is H, R^4 is $(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{R}^8$, and R^8 is halogen
21	COOH	$-\text{NHCOR}^1$, R^1 is $-\text{CHR}^3\text{R}^4$, R^3 is NH_2 , R^4 is phenyl- R_5 , and R_5 is alkoxy
22	OSO_3H	$-\text{NHCOR}^1$, R^1 is $-\text{CHR}^3\text{R}^4$, R^3 is NH_2 , R^4 is phenyl- R_5 , and R_5 is alkoxy

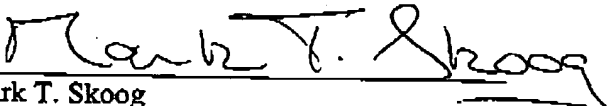
Summary

Applicant submits that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below, if the Examiner believes that doing so will advance prosecution.

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